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A MINI GUIDE TO Cycling and walking around Wolverhampton



Wolverhampton Locks Walk

A short walk from The Town Centre, this linear walk follows the towpath passing 21 locks, historic buildings and changing landscapes. You can begin your walk at either the top or bottom lock – depending on how energetic you're feeling!

Assuming you start at Top Lock:

Location:

Top Lock, off Wednesfield Road/
Wolverhampton Ring Road,
Wolverhampton.

Start/Finish:

Top Lock, off Wednesfield Road/
Wolverhampton Ring Road or
Bottom Lock, Aldersley Junction.

Distance: 2 miles/3.2 km
(approx one way)

Duration: 40 mins (approx one way)

Type: Linear

Conditions: The route uses
existing towpath.

Access point: Wednesfield Road

Car parking: Civic centre,
Broad Street, Wulfrun Centre,
Mander Centre.

Access the canal from
Wednesfield Road, turn right
and follow the towpath. We've
detailed some of the things to
look out for on your walk.

1. Top Lock Cottages - built in the
18th century which are surviving
examples of typical canalside
architecture.

2. Lock 4 - to the right is the former
Springfield Brewery, a Grade II
listed building. It was originally
built here in 1873 to take
advantage of the high quality
spring water found on the site.

3. Lock 7 - Fowlers Park, on the
right, would once have been a
busy railway junction. Now the
landscape is given over to many



species of butterflies and
birds, including willow warblers
and gulls.

4. Lock 8 - between locks 7 and
8 is the site of the former Ceres
Works, which supplied local
farmers with bone meal. It is
the origin of the name Bone Mill
Lane, which runs adjacent to it.

5. Lock 9 - look out for the remains
of a disused railway turntable,
which was once used by the
Great Western Railway Company.

6. Lock 10 - for a night with a
difference, revellers visit the
canalside nightclub, built in an
old warehouse. On the opposite
side of the canal, a bricked up
doorway adjacent to the bridge

is all that remains of the
walkway between the canal
and the old Dunstall Park
railway station.

7. Lock 12 - the imposing Stour
Valley Viaduct has 22 arches.

8. Lock 13 - a world record
was set here. The Mammoth hot
air balloon, flying on gas coal,
reached 37,000 feet without
oxygen in September 1862.
The record still stands today.

9. Lock 17 - here the canal
becomes a lot more rural in
character. In spring, you can
smell the heady scent of
hawthorn and look out for sedge
warblers and water birds.



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**Brewery, bone meal and
a record-breaking balloon**

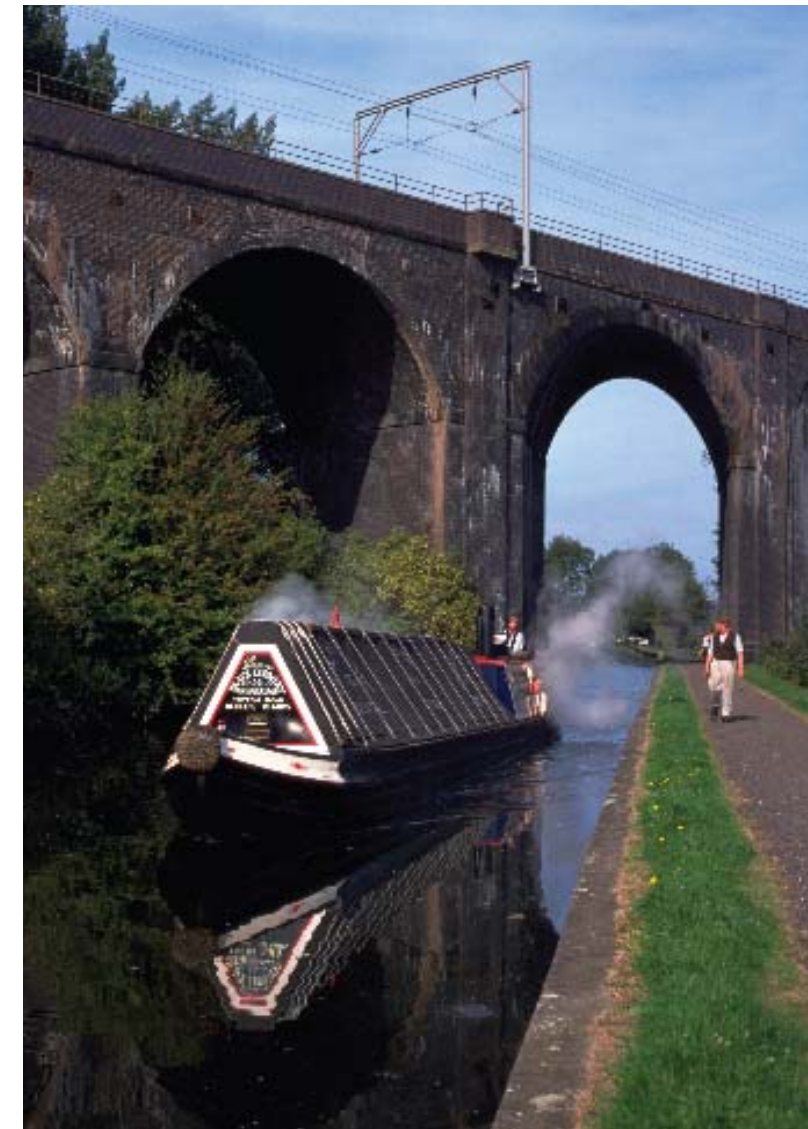
YOUR LOCAL CANAL



10. Lock 19 - Dunstall Park
Bridge probably dates from the
opening of the canal. If you're
lucky, you may catch a glimpse
of birds of prey such as kestrel
or sparrowhawk.

11. Lock 20 - this lock was
added some time after the rest
and is the only one to have single
gates at each end. It was built
to speed progress through the
locks as the present lock 21 was
originally very deep and took
a long time to fill.

Please note, the complete walk
(Top Lock to Bottom Lock and
returning) will take approx 1.5
hours. Alternatively, public
transport is available which will
return you to your starting point.
For service details please
contact Centro on 0121 200 2787.



ON YOUR BIKE

The routes described form part of the Birmingham and Black Country Cycle Routes. Numerous points of interest can be found along their varying landscapes.

HORSELEY FIELDS JUNCTION TO FACTORY JUNCTION

Distance: 5 miles/8 km (approx)
Duration: 45 min (approx)
Access point: Deans Road

This route begins and ends with a pub, and travels through Coseley Tunnel. To avoid the tunnel leave the canal at Bridgewater Drive, and return via Central Drive.

Cycle routes

If you are feeling particularly energetic, why not cycle more than one route? The map highlights access points and road accesses, but parking may be on road in places.

SNEYD JUNCTION TO PUDDING GREEN JUNCTION

Distance: 10 miles/16km (approx)
Duration: 1 hour 30 min (approx)
Access point: Willenhall Lane/ Wood Lane.

Follow The Walsall Canal down Walsall Locks and then up Ryders Green Locks.

SNEYD JUNCTION TO HORSELEY FIELDS JUNCTION

Distance: 6 miles/9.6 km (approx)
Duration: 1 hour (approx)
Access point: Willenhall Lane/ Wood Lane.

Follow The Wyrley & Essington, taking New Cross Bridge, where the towpath changes to the other side of the canal.

FACTORY JUNCTION TO LADYWOOD JUNCTION

Distance: 6 miles/10km (approx)
Duration: 1 hour (approx)
Access point: Dolton Way, off Factory Road.

Cycle along The New Main Line and follow the signs for The National Cycle Route, which take you to Ladywood Junction and on into Birmingham City Centre.

Where to go cycling & walking around the Wolverhampton area

